

CONSTITUTION of the TRI-STATE AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

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PREAMBLE

We, the undersigned being desirous to secure for ourselves the pleasures and benefits of the association of persons commonly interested in Amateur Radio, by furthering better co-operation among its members, developing individual efficiency, furthering the interest of radio in the general community, do hereby constitute ourselves the Tri-State Amateur Radio Society and do enact this constitution as our governing law.

ARTICLE I

All provisions of the Constitution of the Tri-State Amateur Radio Society following the Preamble of the Constitution are hereby repealed and the constitutional provisions and the by-laws enacted hereunder shall be the governing law of the Society.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP

Sec. 1. All persons interested in Amateur Radio shall be eligible for membership.

Sec. 2. The membership of the society shall be subdivided into two classes, i.e., Voting and Participating members.

Sec. 3. To be eligible for voting membership an applicant must maintain an Amateurs Operators license in good standing. Voting members shall have the fullest possible powers authorized by the terms of this Constitution and by-laws and regulations enacted by the Society.

Sec. 4. To be eligible for Participating membership, an applicant must demonstrate a genuine interest in Amateur Radio to the satisfaction of the Society. Participating members shall be endowed with full privileges of membership in the Society, PROVIDED HOWEVER, that no participating member shall be entitled to vote in the election of any officers, directors, or other governing members of the Society.

Sec. 5. Admission to membership in the Society shall be approved by a majority vote of the total membership, upon application duly made in accordance with such by-laws as the Society may hereafter enact.

ARTICLE III

OFFICERS

Sec. 1. The officers of the Society shall be: 1. A President.
2. A Vice President. 3. A Secretary. 4. A Treasurer.

Sec. 2. There shall be a Board of Directors as hereafter provided in the Constitution.

Sec. 3. The officers of this Society shall be elected for a term of one year by ballot of the voting members present at the regular October meeting, if there is a quorum of the membership present at said meeting.

a. If there is no quorum present, the election shall be at the next regular meeting at which there is a quorum.

Sec. 5. Officers may be removed on motion and second by two voting members, at two consecutive meetings and a majority vote of the total membership at each meeting.

ARTICLE IV

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sec. 1. A Board of Directors shall consist of five members and the President of the Society. There shall be four voting members plus the President and one Participating member represented on the Board. Two members shall be elected for a one-year term and two for a two year term. Thereafter, all members shall be elected for a two-year term.

Sec. 2. The Participating member shall have no powers of voting on club business, but only a suggestive position. He shall have the same right to attend and be notified of meetings as the Voting members of the Board.

Sec. 3. The Board of Directors shall have the power to enact by-laws and transact the Society business with the approval of a majority of the members.

Sec. 4. The provisions for election and removal of members of the Board of Directors shall be the same as for officers of the Society.

ARTICLE V

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Sec. 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and conduct the same according to the rules adopted in this Constitution and the by-laws associated herewith.

Sec. 2. The Vice President shall assume all the duties of the President in the absence of the latter.

Sec. 3. The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings, keep a roll of members, submit applications for membership, and any other such duties as may be specified in the by-laws.

Sec. 4. The Treasurer shall receive and receipt all monies paid to the Society. He shall keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended. He shall pay no bills without proper authorization, and at the end of each quarter he shall submit an itemized statement of disbursements and receipts.

Sec. 5. All officers shall, at the expiration of their terms, turn over all property belonging to the Society to his successor.

ARTICLE VI

ELECTION

Sec. 1. To be eligible for election to any elective office of the Society, the member must have been a member in good standing in the Society for at least four consecutive quarters prior to election.

Sec. 2. To be eligible for an appointive office of the Society, the member must have been a member in good standing for at least two consecutive quarters prior to appointment.

ARTICLE VII

VOTING

Sec. 1. At all meetings one third of the Voting members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VIII

DUES AND ASSESSMENTS

Sec. 1. The Society by majority vote of those present at any regular meeting may levy upon the general membership such dues and/or assessments as shall be deemed necessary for the business of the organization within the object as set forth in the Preamble of this Constitution, provided, that no assessment in excess of one dollar shall be made without the approval of a majority of the members.

Sec. 2. When a member is in arrears two quarters in the payment of his dues, the Secretary shall remove his name from the list of voting members.

ARTICLE IX

AMENDMENTS

Sec. 1. This Constitution may be amended by a two thirds vote of the total membership.

Sec. 2. To amend the Constitution, the following procedure must be observed.

- a. Proposals for amendment must be submitted at a regular meeting and read to the members present at this time and the three following meetings.
- b. At the two meetings following the meeting at which the amendment is proposed, there must be a three fourths majority vote of the members present.
- c. Voting on amendments and/or proposal of amendments shall be done only at regular meetings.
- d. Amendments of the by-laws are to be done in the same way as the Constitution, with the exception that the vote is to be taken only at the meeting following the introduction of the amendment.

ARTICLE X

RULES

Sec. 1. Roberts Rules of Order shall govern proceedings of the Society.

BY-LAWS

PRESIDENT

Sec. 1. It shall be the duty of the President to enforce the observance of this Constitution and By-Laws, decide all questions of order, sign all official documents that are adopted by the Society, and perform all customary duties pertaining to the office of President.

SECRETARY

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to carry on all correspondence, read communications at each meeting, and mail written

notices to each member of every meeting of the Society. He shall keep the Constitution and By-Laws of the Tri-State Amateur Radio Society and have the same present at every regular and special meeting. He shall cause all amendments, changes, and additions to be noted thereon and shall permit the same to be consulted by members upon request.

MEETINGS

Sec. 3. Regular meetings shall be held on the last Wednesday of each calendar month at such place as the President shall order.

- a. In the event it is impossible to hold the meeting on the regular date, members shall be informed of the change no less than two weeks before the meeting is to be held.

DUES

Sec. 4. A regular yearly assessment of four dollars per member is hereby assessed to provide funds for current expenses. The payments may be made quarterly if so desired.

AFFILIATION

Sec. 5. It shall be the policy of this Society to affiliate itself with the American Radio Relay League, Inc.

CLUB PAPER

Sec. 6. The President of the Society shall appoint a member of the Society to act as Editor of "Tri-State Sparks" during his term in office. The Editor shall serve at the discretion of the President, and shall have authority to appoint his assistants.

COMMITTEES

Sec. 7. The President shall at any time he deems necessary appoint committees for any reason he deems necessary. These committees shall serve at the discretion of the President.

Sec. 8. There should be a report of progress given at each regular meeting by the chairman concerning his group. Should the chairman for some reason find it impossible to attend the meeting, he shall delegate one member of the committee to render the report.

Sec. 9. If for any reason there is no report given by a chairman for three consecutive months, the said chairman shall be asked to resign by the President, and the President shall then appoint a new chairman or if need be, a complete committee.

DUES

Sec. 10. There shall be a student membership, the dues for any student being two dollars for one year. The student must be attending a recognized institution of learning full time to come within the qualifications of this provision.

Sec. 11. The Treasurer shall notify any member of the Society by U. S. mail when said member shall be one quarter in arrears in his dues. Upon being two quarters in arrears, the Treasurer shall notify by mail the person, informing him that his name is being dropped from the membership of the Society, and re-entry into the Society shall be the same for him as for one who has never been a member.